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Asterisk Talley

Quick Quotes

Q. Can you tell us how you're feeling, the emotions right now?

ASTERISK TALLEY: I'm just a little emotional, not only because I didn't get it done today, but also just everyone is so supportive. It's hard when they have to watch that and see you not do well or not accomplish what you wanted. I still played fine today even though that one hole just kind of got me.

Other than that, it doesn't define me as a golfer. I know what kind of player I am.

Q. You got a big hug from Bryson walking off the green. What did he say to you?

ASTERISK TALLEY: He said keep my head high. He said he's been in my position before, and he knows how it feels, especially here. He said you're a great player. It doesn't really matter.

Q. Can you walk us through what happened on 12?

ASTERISK TALLEY: Overshot the green. Just kind of got lucky for not going in the bushes there. The sand didn't really have a lot in there. It was just kind of hard under the surface sand. I tried to do my best to keep it from rolling in the water, it just didn't happen.

She gave me my options. I could either hit in the sand again or go over to the other side. I didn't think going to the other side was the best option at the time. I thought, since we could rake the bunker, maybe we could get it to not be so hard. It was still the same after dropping. Of course when you drop, your ball sits down in the bunker.

The same thing happened. Just couldn't really get under the ball there. Decided the third time, why not just chip? It has to be a little bit easier. Then ended up getting up-and-down from there. Probably should have done that the first time, but you don't really think of that when you're in the moment.

Q. Was your head spinning as you were walking across the bridge there?

ASTERISK TALLEY: I just didn't think that was going to be my position from the tee box. I didn't think I would have to be in that situation at all. It shows how hard that hole is and how much it has messed up other people as well.

Obviously it's tough from any position if you're not on the green.

Q. It's still really fresh, but did you learn anything about yourself today, especially from the way you finished, that you didn't know beforehand?

ASTERISK TALLEY: I kept fighting. I made a couple good putts, a couple good shots down the stretch. I was able to still keep my head in the right place, even after that little meltdown there. Still just kind of kept my head high heading into the last few holes. It just didn't work out, but that's okay.

Q. How did that score affect you on the rest of the round? Were you thinking about it then? I'm just curious if it had an impact on any other hole.

ASTERISK TALLEY: Maybe a little bit. I don't think it really affected me that much coming down the stretch. The numbers just got out of control coming down the last few. Just didn't really have my best stuff there.

I don't think that really had much to do with it. Maybe subconsciously. I still hit some good shots coming down. I don't think it really messed up my game too much. I think it was just kind of user error coming down with the numbers. I don't think it was really mental at that point.

Q. Asterisk, even though you haven't had time to process yet, do you think it will in some ways make you a better player?

ASTERISK TALLEY: I think so. I learned a few things about myself, just knowing it's okay. Things like that happen obviously to the best of us. Just got to keep your head high and keep moving.

Q. How did you feel about the way you were playing up to the 11th hole? Obviously you were holding it together and had the lead and seemed to be doing well.

ASTERISK TALLEY: Yeah, I was playing great golf, especially in the beginning. I started off hot and just kind of didn't give myself great looks going into the last few on the front. Just kind of didn't get those couple birdies that I wanted to going into the back nine.

Had a little short miss on 10 that wasn't great, but it still didn't affect me much. I think I just got a little too tentative on 11 going right, trying not to hit it in the water, and just missed a short putt there. I don't think it really affected me that much.

I think it was just mis-club on 12. The wind was swirling. Of course trying to be tentative, trying not to go in the water on the tee and kind of pulled it so it went a little farther than normal. Other than that, yeah.

Q. What did you use?

ASTERISK TALLEY: I used an 8, tried to hit it a little soft. I was trying to hit it 155 because I thought the wind was into us. Might have died a little bit before I hit. I just didn't want to hit 9 and come up short. Obviously it panned out a little different than I thought.

Q. Was 8 what you've hit here the past two years?

ASTERISK TALLEY: I think so, yeah. I don't remember exactly, but I think it's always around the same club.

Q. Had you been in that back bunker before and practiced it?

ASTERISK TALLEY: I have. Didn't think it was that hard until today. Yeah, maybe a couple people were in there already and made the bunker a little harder. I don't know. I just don't think it was the day for me, I guess. It wasn't the hole for me.

Q. When you were talking with your folks after the round there, what did they say?

ASTERISK TALLEY: They just told me that they love me. It didn't define me as a player that that happened out there. It's hard not to get emotional. There's so much support out here. Sorry.

I think it's harder when there's support out here watching you do that, but it's great they're still with me right now. I'm

really happy that they're here.

Q. Has there been a moment in your career that hurt like this does right now?

ASTERISK TALLEY: No, definitely not. I'm just honestly so blessed to be here. It's a gift from God to walk this course, and I think I'm just so blessed to be here. It just wasn't my day today, but it's okay.

Q. And now you go on to an LPGA event.

ASTERISK TALLEY: Yeah, turn right back around and do it again, right? This definitely does not define me today. I still see myself as a good player, and I'm excited to get after it.

Q. Number one, you are a good player. Don't let this affect you no matter the outcome. I'm curious with this collapse, how does this propel you going forward in your career? The LPGA coming up. So much more in your career. How does this moment propel you going forward?

ASTERISK TALLEY: It gives me that motivation to do better. You look back and think I made a big mistake. If you just erase that, I had a pretty good day.

You just kind of have to think the little mistakes don't define you as a golfer. I think you kind of just have to look at the good and go from there.

Q. Did Annika say anything to you of interest coming off the green?

ASTERISK TALLEY: Yeah, she said you're the best. She said you're the best player out here. Just don't let this get to your head. Don't let it beat you up. You're still such a good golfer. It's just kind of something you have to think about coming out of this event.

Q. What did that mean to you, having the best player in the modern era say that?

ASTERISK TALLEY: It's great just coming from her especially. She was the best player ever. Her telling me I'm the best player out here is pretty special. Again, it goes back to the support I have out here. It's really nice to just have those people behind me and to have those kind of moments out here, especially when something like that happens.

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